

**APPENDIX D: ANALYSIS OF ELECTION RESULTS
KING COUNTY PROPOSITION ONE
VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY**

Analysis of Election Results

King County Proposition One
Veterans and Human Services Levy

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Methodology

- Election data is reported from 2,573 precincts countywide.
- A typical precinct has about 400 registered voters. 212 ballots were cast from the average precinct in November 2005.
- Individual records are maintained of who votes. Estimates were prepared by comparing vote performance to aggregate precinct demographics such as gender and age.
- Party identification is projected by comparing vote performance to the weighted average of partisan ballot selection in the 2004 and 2005 primary elections.

Overall Statistics

King County, November 2005 General Election

Turnout –

45.93% of registered voters
53.88% of active registered voters

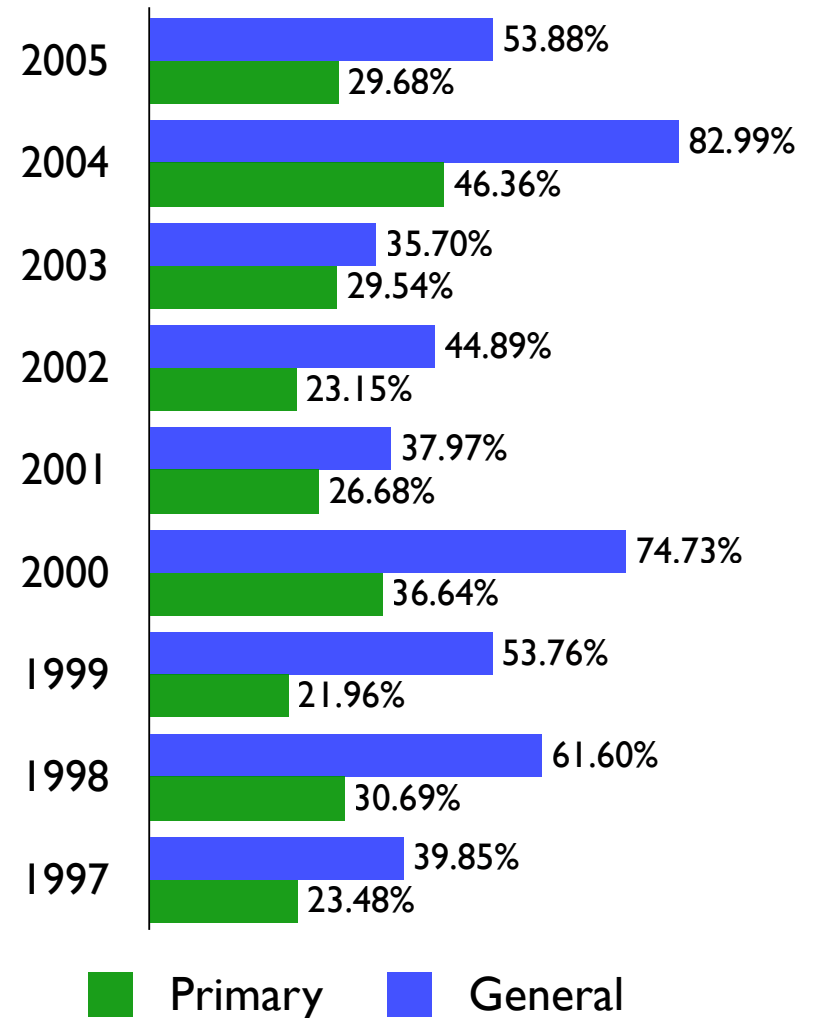
Composition –

52.40% women
47.60% men

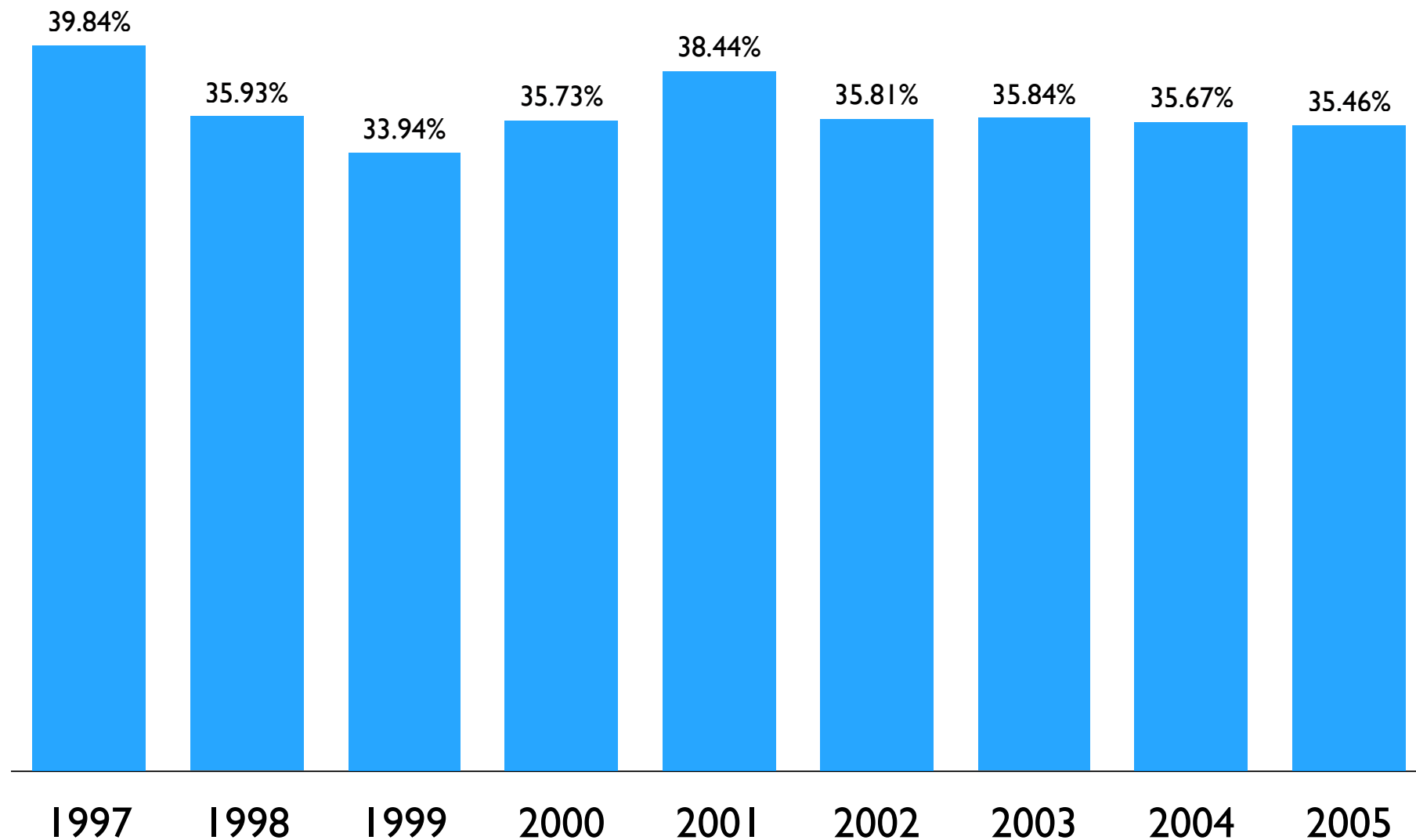
2.57% new registrants
58.59% frequent voters
38.84% infrequent voters

29.26% poll ballots
70.74% absentee ballots

Historic Turnout



Seattle ballots cast as a percentage of total turnout



Proposition One Results

**57.92 percent
approval**

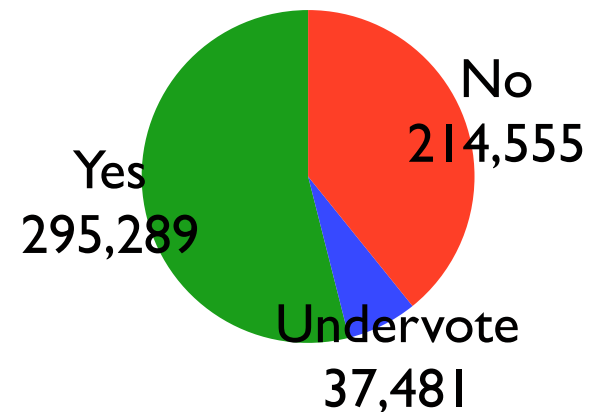
Imputed splits:

By Gender –

Male: 56.79%
Female: 58.95%

By Age –

18-34: 58.04%
35-44: 56.45%
45-59: 57.68%
60+: 59.13%

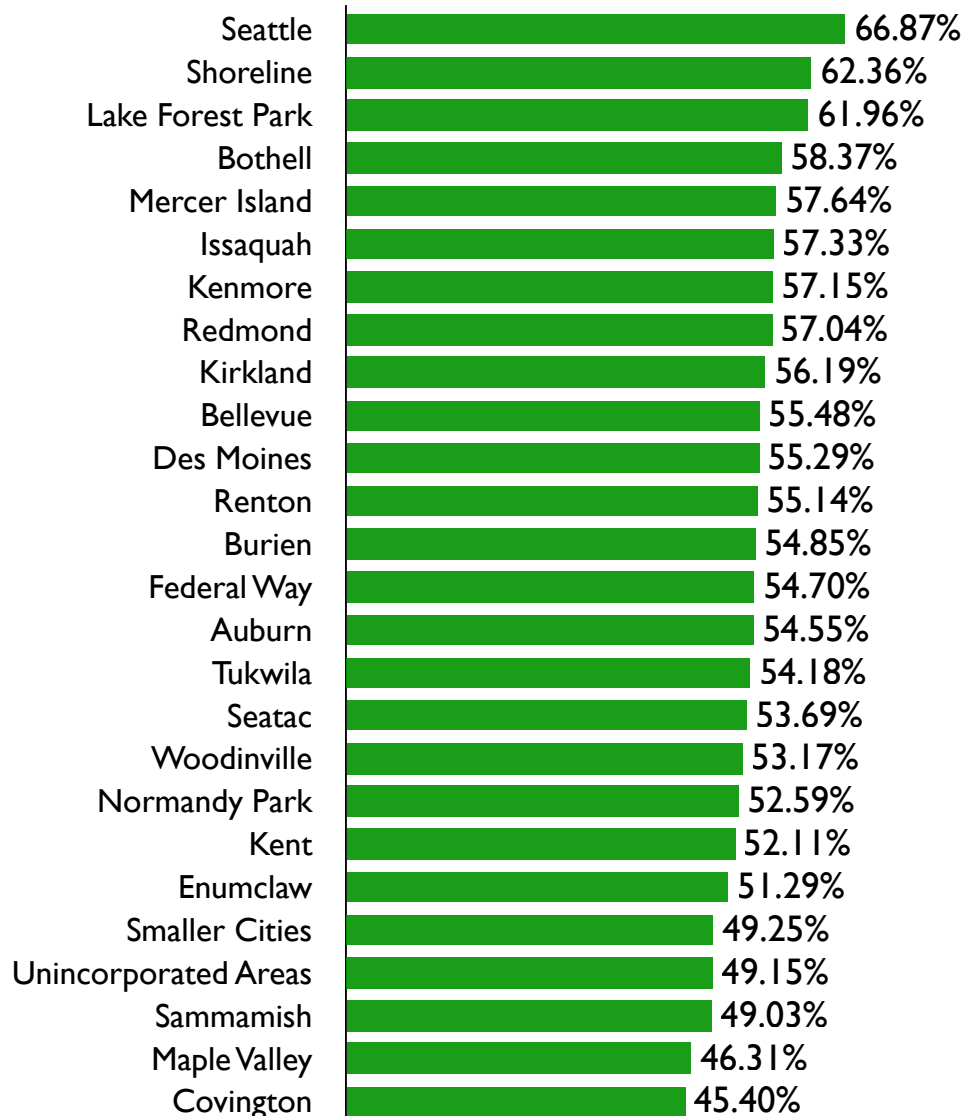


By Primary Ballot Choice –

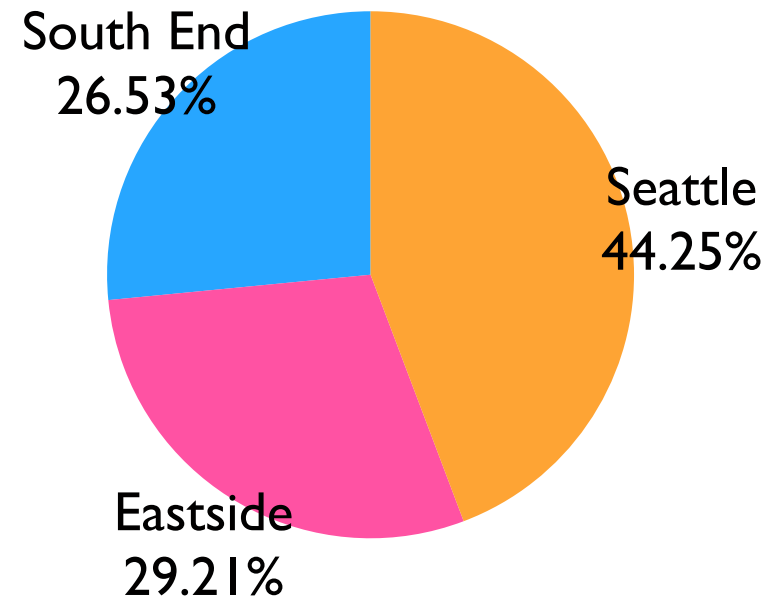
Democratic: 62.13%
Republican: 50.52%

Proposition One Geography

Vote to approve by city



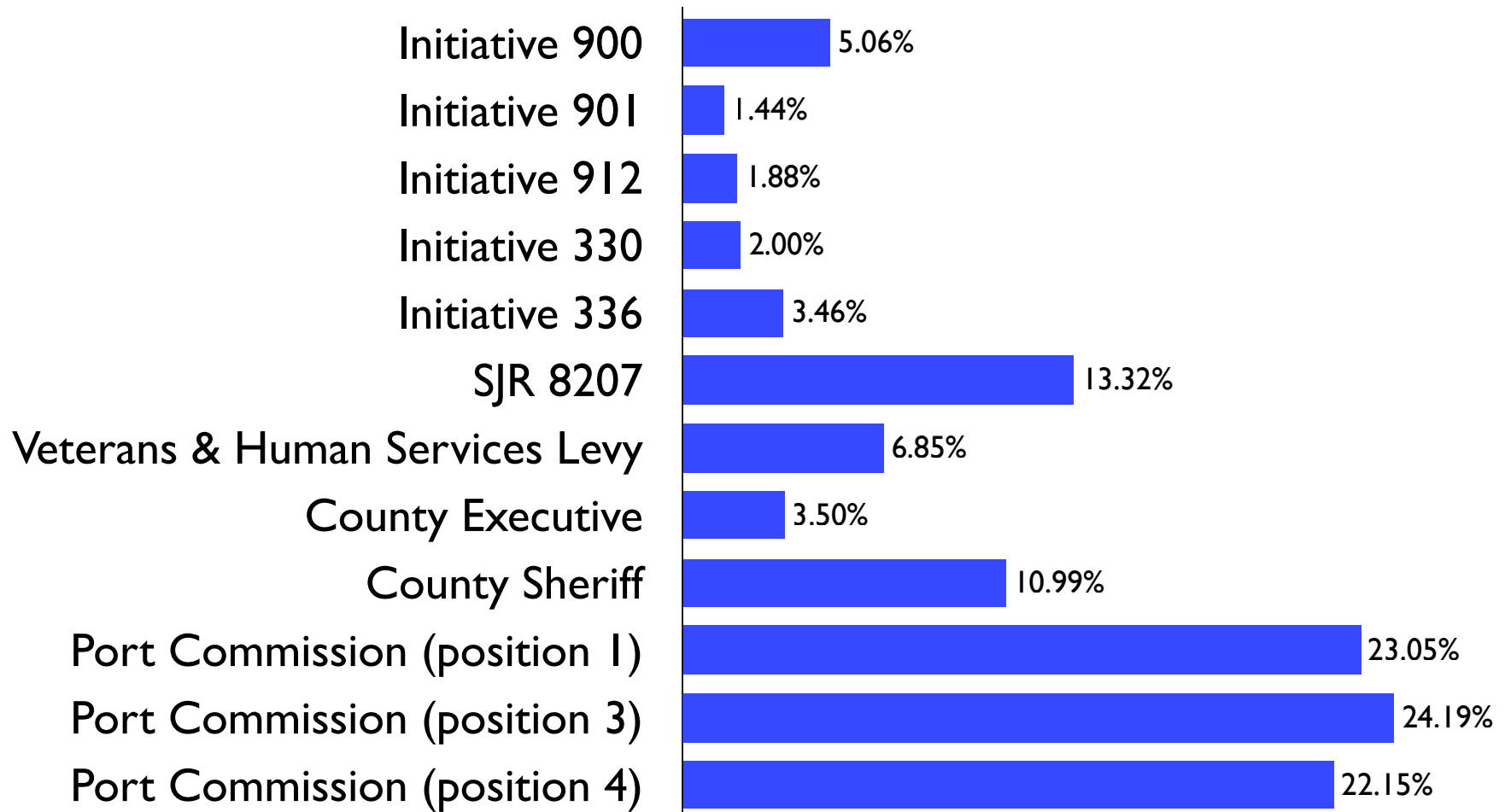
Source of votes to approve



Seattle data in pie chart includes the city of Shoreline.

Ballot Order and Undervote

Countywide Races, November 2005



Understanding Undervotes:

Sims and Veterans Performance

Percentage basis –

Sims: 55.62%

Veterans: 57.92%

Difference: 2.30%

Absolute basis –

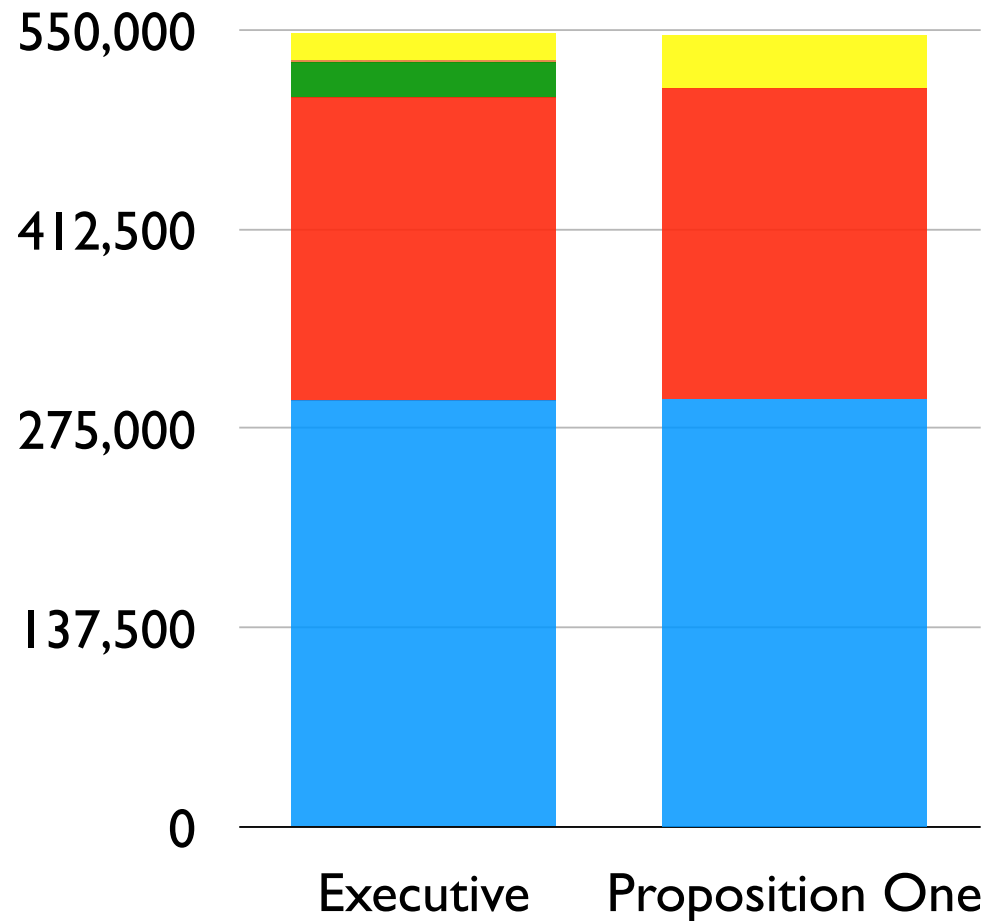
Sims: 293,777 votes

Veterans: 295,298 votes

Difference: 1,521 votes
or 0.28% of ballots cast

The Veterans & Human Services
Levy received more votes in 1,286
precincts; Sims received more votes
in 1,267.

Distribution of total ballots cast: 547,325



■ Sims ■ Irons ■ Lange ■ Write-In ■ Yes ■ No ■ Undervote

Historical Context:

Five years of countywide tax votes

80.65% EMS/Medic One (Approve/Nov 2001)

67.01% Initiative 912 (Reject/Nov 2005)

61.11% Harborview Bonds (Approve/Sep 2000)

59.57% Initiative 776 (Reject/Nov 2002)

58.24% AFIS (Approve/Sep 2000)

57.92% Veterans & Human Services Levy (Approve/Nov 2005)

56.72% Parks Levy (Approve/May 2003)

54.72% Initiative 884 (Approve/Nov 2004)

53.34% Initiative 695 (Reject/Nov 1999)

53.03% Referendum 51 (Reject/Nov 2002)

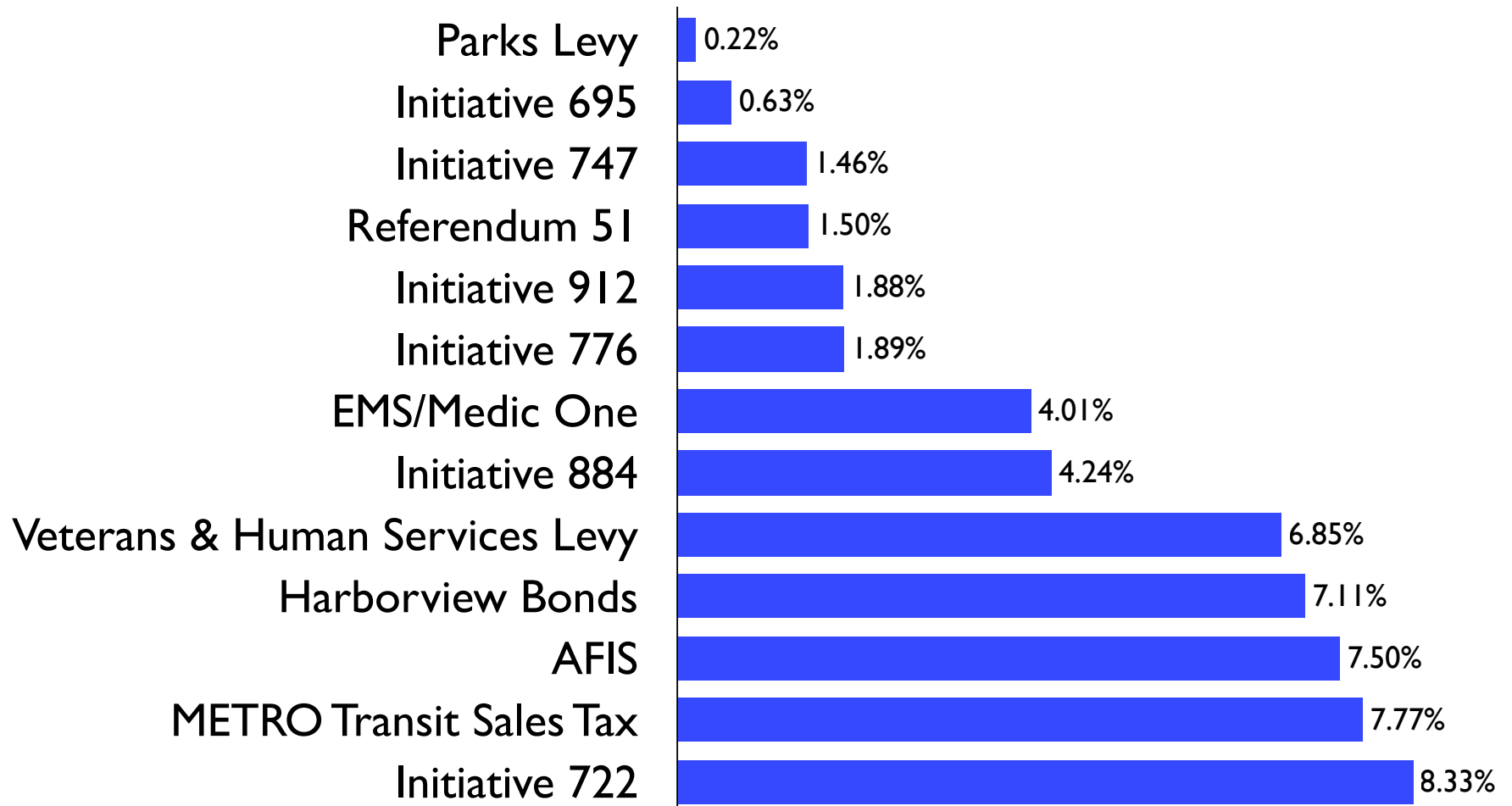
52.90% METRO Transit Sales Tax (Approve/Nov 2000)

51.66% Initiative 747 (Reject/Nov 2001)

50.07% Initiative 722 (Reject/Nov 2000)

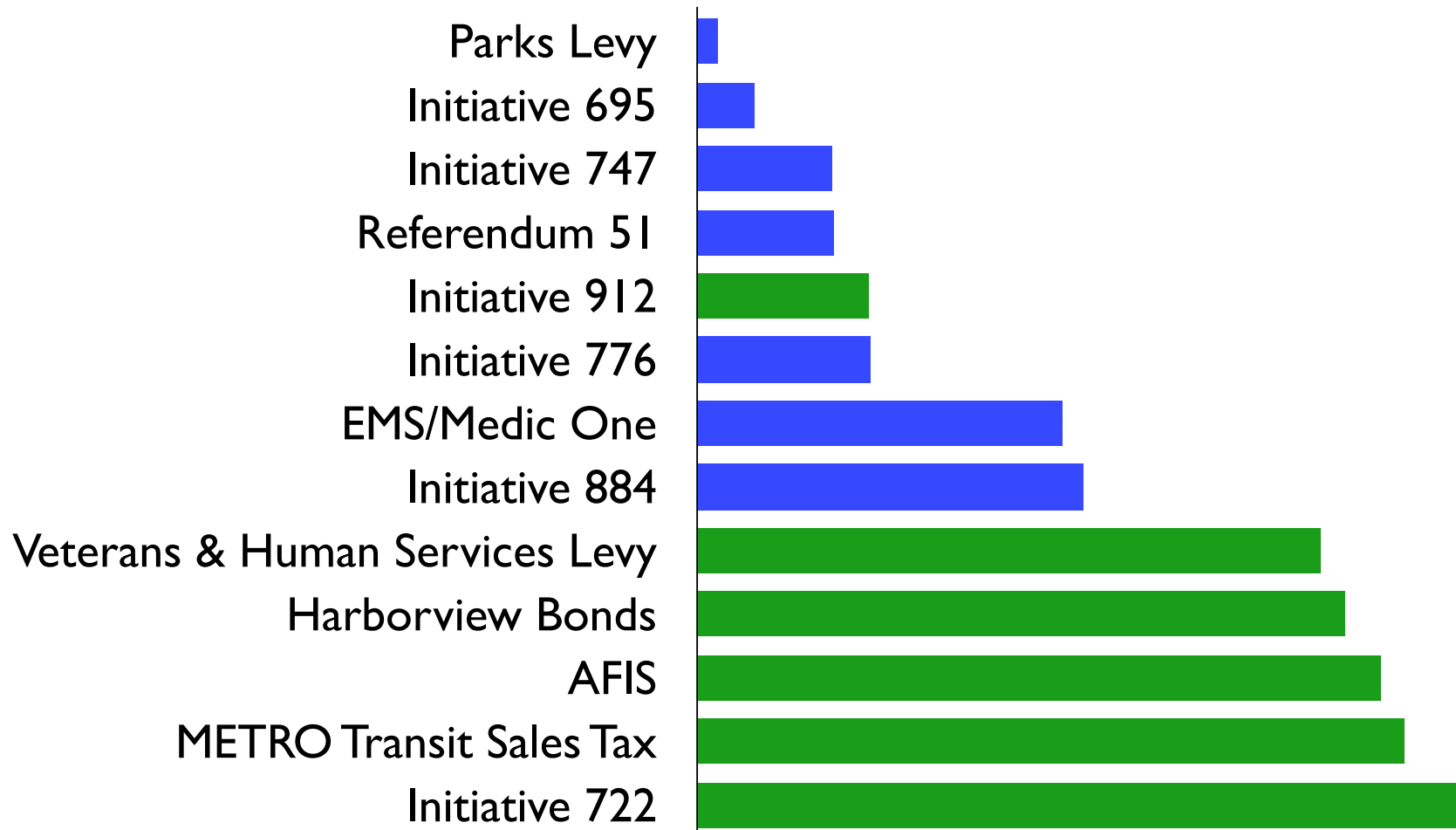
Historical Context:

Countywide tax measure undervote

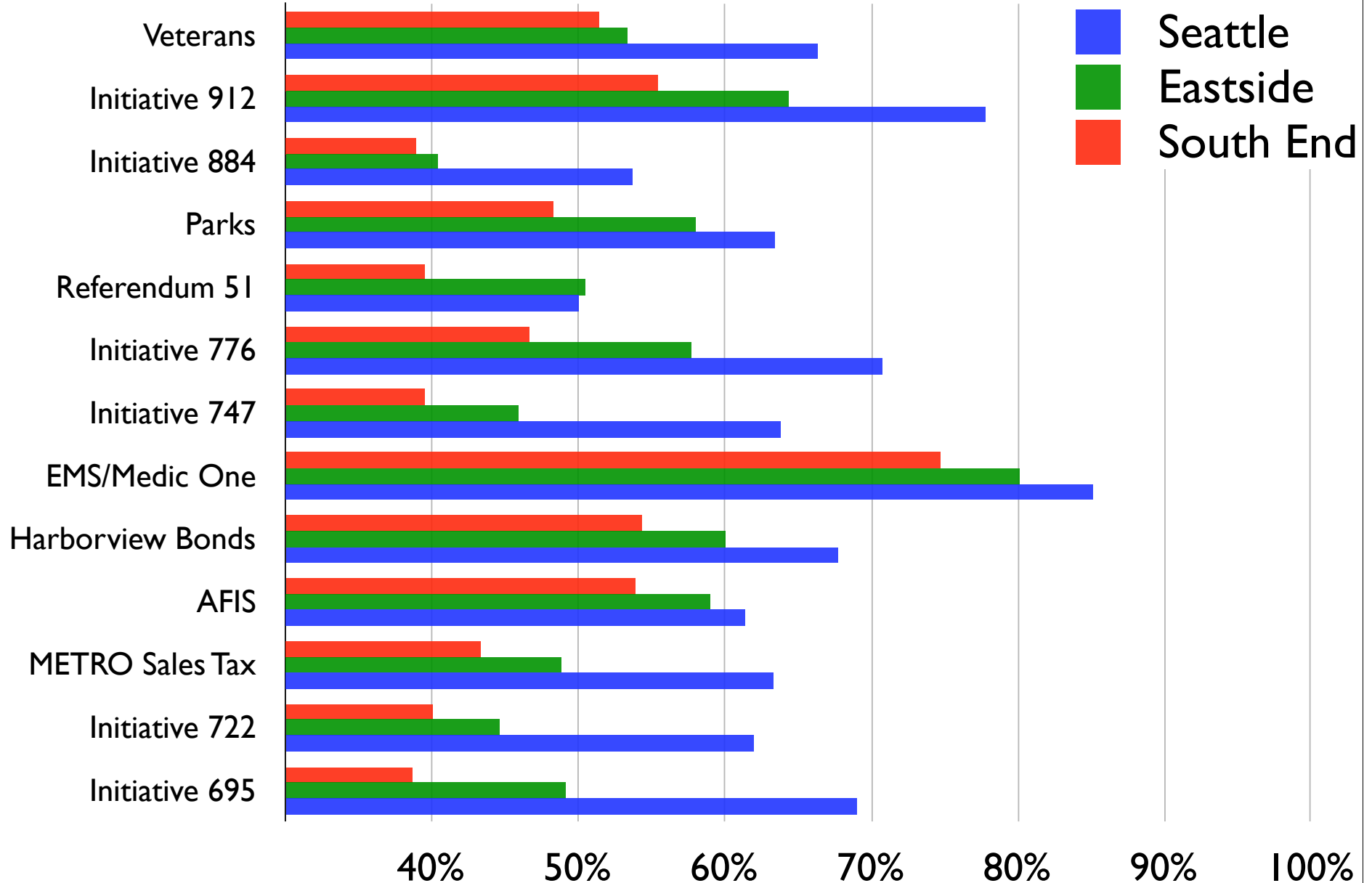


Sole versus multiple tax votes

Undervote is higher when competing tax measures are on the same ballot (highlighted in green)

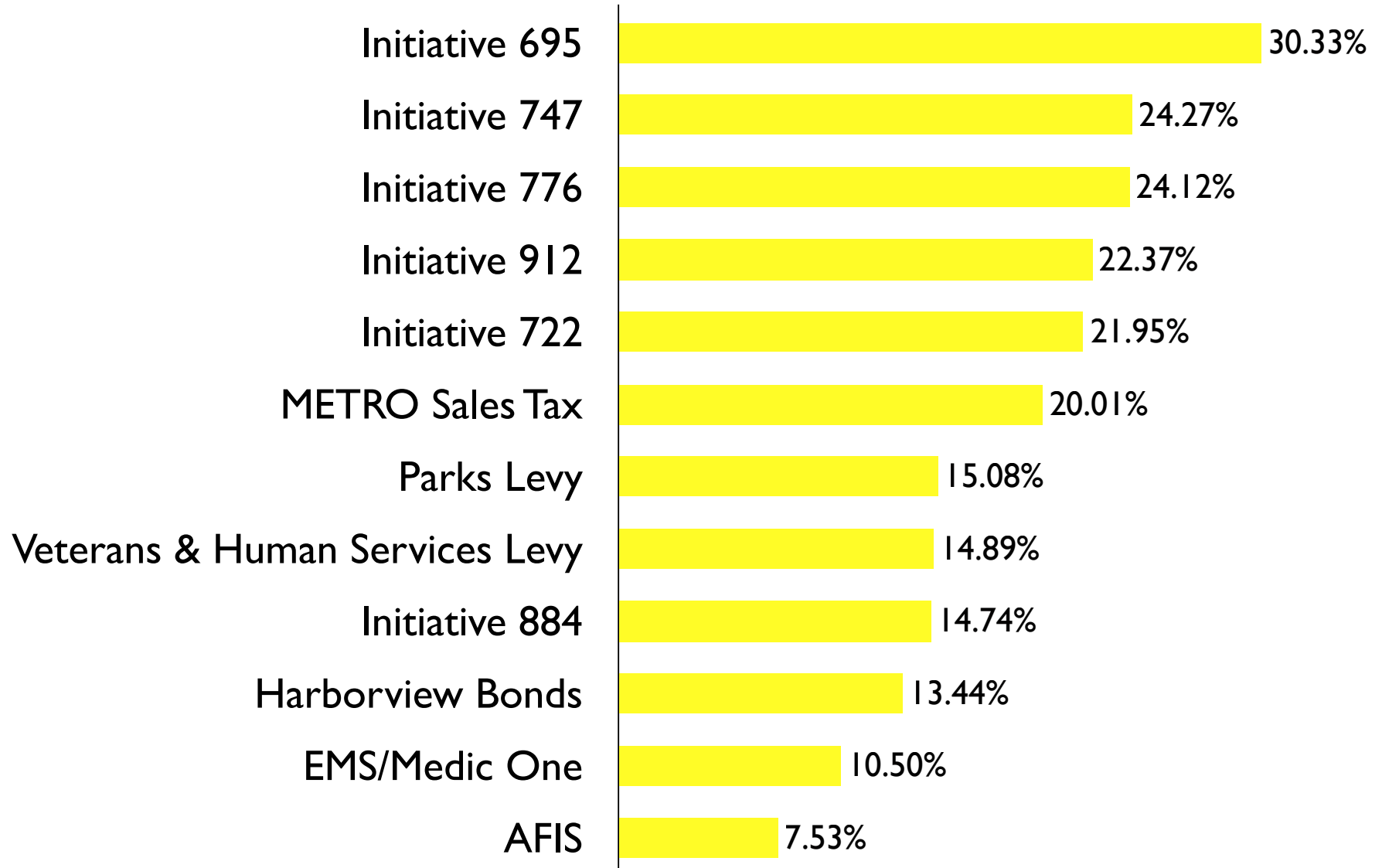


Support by county subarea



Largest disparity in subarea support

Generally, the difference between Seattle and South End support



Veterans & Human Services Levy

Conclusions

- The Veterans & Human Services Levy was broadly supported, passing in 34 of 39 cities across the county.
- Turnout was consistently high across the county in the 2005 general election. Results were not skewed by turnout dynamics.
- Support for the Veterans & Human Services Levy was depressed by three or four percentage points by being on the ballot with Initiative 912 and the Seattle Monorail Project.

General King County Tax Measure Conclusions

- Multiple tax measures on the same ballot result in higher undervote.
- Undervotes typically come at the expense of the yes or pro-tax vote.
- Broad geographic support has been present in the most consistently successful tax measures (e.g. EMS/Medic One and AFIS).